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Ghulam Ullah Chaudhry
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It is with profound regret that we record the sad demise of Dr.Ghulam Ullah Chaudhry, Fellow Pakistan Academy of Sciences and Ex-Director, Biological Sciences Research, Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar on 21st November, 1990. He breathed his last at his residence in Lahore.

Dr.Ghulam Ullah was born on 13th January, 1913 in a village Badla near Hoshiarpur (Now Indian Punjab). He graduated from the Punjab Agricultural College, Lyallpur (now University of Agriculture, Faisalabad).

He started his career as a researcher in the capacity of Assistant to the Imperial Entomologist at the Indian Agricultural Institute, New Delhi. Through his extraordinary hard work and intellectual capabilities coupled with devotion, he earned Associateship of the Institute.

Prior to his joined the Pakistan Forest Institute in September, 1952 he worked in Balochistan Agricultural Department for 3 years and Department of Plant Protection for over 5 years. Under the able guidance of Dr. N.A.Janjua he produced a useful monograph on the biology and control of fruit insects of Balochistan. After the death of Dr.Janjua in 1958 he revised it in the light of his wide experience and published the book titled, "Biology and Control of Hill Fruit Insects of West Pakistan"

Dr.Ghulam Ullah received his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University USA in 1951, with a research thesis on "The Development and Fecundity of Oriental Fruit Moth, *Grapholitha molesta* under Controlled Temperatures and Humidities".

During his stay at the Pakistan Forest Institute he was responsible for developing a fine team of researchers which under his able guidance produced research of high order to win him a civil award, Tamgha-e-Quaid-e-Azam in 1967. He planned and executed survey of insect fauna of forests and termite survey of the country to build up a much needed reference collection for identification service and taxonomic studies under the first ever PL-480 project of USDA in Pakistan.

He was pioneer in the field of forest entomological research in Pakistan and all credit of developing effective measures against forest pests goes to him. He authored over 100 scientific papers of original research published in national and international journals.

Dr. Ghulam Ullah is survived by his son, four daughters and grand children. We offer heartfelt condolences to his bereaved children and pray that his soul may rest in peace Amen!

